



# BUSINESS PLAN 2023/24

## 1 Introduction

This Business Plan provide an opportunity for the Acaster Malbis Parish Council to set out its vision, its purpose, values, objectives and key priorities over the council year commencing May 2023.

The aim of the plan is to give residents of the parish of Acaster Malbis a clear understanding of what their parish council does and what it is trying to achieve over the year.

The plan will be monitored during the year and a final review will take place at the end of the year.

## 2 Why Produce a Business Plan?

The Business Plan is a statement of intent and allows the council and the public to monitor its performance over the council year comparing actual vs target.

Business planning and strategic planning are a key part of attaining recognition in the Local Council Award scheme. The award scheme is a way to show that the council is well run and that the resident can have confidence in the council.

## 3 Structure of the Local Government

There are two tiers of local government within York, each with different roles:- Acaster Malbis Parish Council is the first and most local tier, with an important role to play in promoting the parish of Acaster Malbis, representing both the interests and work of its residents and local organisations.

City of York Council (COYC) is the second tier and is responsible for services such as education, highways, health, social services and environment as well as the strategic planning policies for all development including housing and employment sites via its Local Plan.

Acaster Malbis Parish Council comprises 7 councillors who makes decisions on behalf of the council and a clerk that provides administrative and procedural assistance to the council.

## **4 Goals**

### **4.1 Strategic Plan**

To produce a Strategic Plan for Acaster Malbis for the short, medium and long term. The plan will include:

- Mission Statements
- Core Values
- Goal and Objectives

### **4.2 General Power of Competence**

To be able to declare the General Power of Competence for the council year commencing May 2024. This will require:

- A clerk qualified to CiLCA level.
- At least 5 elected councillors (66% of councillors).

### **4.3 Grass Cutting and Verge Maintenance**

To put in place a grass cutting and verge maintenance contract to supplement the activity of the City of York Council's grass cutting program. This will require:

- Establishing the frequency and extent of COYC's verge maintenance.
- Creating a cutting plan and schedule.
- Creating a tender for the contract.
- Letting a contract.

### **4.4 Himalayan Balsam Control**

To continue the project to control the Himalayan Balsam in the parish, that will include:

- Re-work areas that were visited in 2022.
- Visit new areas with an identified problem (South Ings and Stub Wood).
- To increase community awareness and involvement of the project.

### **4.5 Business Plan for 2024-25**

To produce the Business Plan for 2024-25. The Business Plan will take the goals from the Strategic Plan that the council would like to achieve in the year, and form a series of actions required to achieve those goals.

The Business Plan will need to be completed in time for the preparation of the budget and precept for 2024-25. The precept demand must be submitted in by the end of January 2024.